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Posting: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 1
Poster: William Brainard	
Date: 2 September 2006 6:58 PM	
<p>It was part of the old Windham High School, right? As a tiny child I remember going in there proly about 1959-60 and they had a swimming pool. Whatever became of the pool when the new WHS was built? Was it floored over? I know this is a funny question but when did the new WHS get completed and what happened to the old WHS? Sorry but I live out of town and these memories are 45 years old. Curious, that's all.</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 2
Poster: John Ferreri	
Date: 2 September 2006 7:21 PM	
<p>The pool is still in use as is most of the building although everything there could use a little attention. The old high school became a middle school for quite a few years but the building is now used for day care and town office space.</p> <p>The gym is still used for "intramural sports" and functions such as the yearly Victorian Home Tour headquarters and the yearly Old Coin Show and other occasional events. There are other scheduled activities at the gym also.</p> <p>Some of the locker rooms near the pool have recently been spruced up and there still is swimming at the pool.</p> <p>I believe there are also town engineering offices on the floor below the pool.</p> <p>Maybe someone else could tell you when the new WHS opened. It was quite a few years ago.</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 3
Poster: Mick Seretny	
Date: 2 September 2006 8:34 PM	
<p>I graduated from WHS in 1971. We were the first class to graduate from there. We started Senior year in Sept. 1970. The football field wasnt ready, so games were still held at Guild. And we played our baseball games at Rec park also. Spring of 71 was very wet & cold, as I recall.</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 4
Poster: William Brainard	
Date: 3 September 2006 7:39 AM	
<p>Thanks! That answers a lot of my questions because though I live in Coventry, many family members graduated from WHS prior to the opening of Coventry High School in 1961. I graduated from CHS in 1972 and attended Eastern for 3 1/2 years. Does anyone know whatever happened to Frank Connelly who taught philosophy at ECSU? He was married at one time to Claire Connelly; they have a son Christopher. Some memorable teachers from the college are Dave Roth, Dave Philips, Carl Salina, Eldon Downing, Kathy Nolan, Gene Heide (married Betty Tipton), Leo Schneiderman, Bob Christensen, Dr. Billingham, Dr. Jenkins, Richard Wolfe, Desmonde Fiondella and others who shaped my college career. I had to take a medical leave from school in 1974-75 and was unable to complete my degree. I was a member of the Class of 1976</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 5
Poster: John Tormey	
Date: 4 September 2006 6:28 PM	
<p>I'm a Windham High alumnus, class of 1954. We were the first class to enjoy the Case Gym for all four years. Does that help in doing the math? jt</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 6
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 4 September 2006 9:03 PM	
<p>Hey Mick -</p> <p>As you know I was part of the class that had the distinction of being the LAST one to graduate from the old Windham High . Don't know what happened to the pool , but I can tell you that I hated gym class when the pool was involved . I used to skip the pool classes quite often , and it was not because we had to swim NUDE . You remember that , right ? Just wasn't into diving , and stuff like that .</p>	
Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948	Posting 7
Poster: Mick Seretny	

Date: 5 September 2006 6:30 AM

Yes I do, John..and what I hated most was the constant stench of chlorine in the whole pool, lockerroom, and classroom area in the old WHS.

I don't know how the coaches managed to stay in their offices there.
Ventilation seemed nonexistent at the time.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: r d
Date: 5 September 2006 8:45 AM

Posting 8

Does the new WHS have a pool? Do they have competitive swim & diving? You are so right about the strong chlorine odor!

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
Date: 5 September 2006 1:56 PM

Posting 9

After my parents renovated the old schoolhouse in South Windham so that we could live in it, they had a stone terrace built onto the front of the house. The stone for that terrace came from blasting at the site of the Case Gymnasium. I also hated swimming in the pool. The chlorine fumes were terrible and I am not much of a swimmer anyway. I was afraid that I would not be able to graduate if I did not pass that swimming test. (There was no pool for women at Cornell when I was an undergraduate, so I was spared that in college at least!) Do you remember that under the pool was a rifle range? I never saw it. (We also had an archery team--Mr. Goodwin was the advisor, as I recall.) Part of that building housed "shop" and vocational agriculture classes. The floor above the gym housed the home economics classes. Anyone else remember decorating the gym for dances? And, of course, the Saturday evening sock hops in the Fall. I actually don't remember who did the dj-ing for those, but I do remember many of those songs of our adolescent angst (now oldies, or doo-op). The football games were on a field off of Mountain St. Basketball, swimming (two or three All-Americans in my class) and baseball (Mr. Tupper, coach) seemed to be the most popular (or successful?) sports in those years, or at least the ones I was most aware of.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: chas barrett
Date: 5 September 2006 10:29 PM

Posting 10

Hi:

And do not forget that for a great many years the WHS pool was under the iron hand and supervision of the phys ed teacher Charles Smith....one of the most pompous, irritating, cruel and disliked teachers in the school.

I recall Chet Nelson and Mr Larry King once balling him out (in Chet's office....I was speaking with guidance counselor Lee Pyne and heard it all) for forcing kids to water wrestle...apparently one kid sunk to the bottom and had to be taken to the hospital. Smith never did it again after that. He used to plop around the halls if you recall in those flappers he had...Smith was one certified creep...hated by many of the guys.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: John Boudreau
Date: 6 September 2006 5:43 PM

Posting 11

" Yes I do, John..and what I hated most was the constant stench of chlorine in the whole pool, lockerroom, and classroom area in the old WHS.

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I wonder why we weren't allowed to wearing swimminng trunks ?

I'm trying to remember the names of the P.E. coaches . John Risley was one . Ferrigno . One started with a K - a real pain in the arse . Then there was a nice guy with black hair and glasses (he coached the soccer team which started in my junior year I believe - he asked me to try out .) Can't recall his name . Help !

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: chas barrett
Date: 6 September 2006 11:51 PM

Posting 12

hiya:

WHS phys ed teacher John McMillan was one of the best I have ever encountered from WHS to UCLA. Top Guy and top person too. Coach Ed Ferrigno was so slouch either !

But, egaad...that Smith character....ughhhhh...I guess you can all see and figure out I was not a fan of his

Chas

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948
Poster: r d
Date: 7 September 2006 1:11 PM

Posting 13

How about Andy Palau who coached the football team. There was swim coach who was tall, thin, short blond hair and I believe his first name was Dick ----- . Tom Callahan coached basketball. The geometry teacher was the track & field coach as well as the cross

country coach.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 14
 Poster: WHS 99
 Date: 7 September 2006 5:49 PM

The new WHS on high st. does have a pool. They still have girls and boys swimming and diving teams. RHAM actually sends some kids to WHS to compete.

Back in the 60's and early 70's WHS football had many great teams. 1969 the team went 10-0 and was ranked 5th in the state (should have been higher) and had 2 all-americans. Marty Hammon (daughter Becky plays WNBA) played fullback and Brian Vertefeuille on the line and later went on to play for the San Diego chargers and San Fransisco 49ers. John Green was the QB in 69 and 70.

Ed Ferrigno was the head coach which was later passed onto Brian Crudden. The football field is named after Ferrigno.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 15
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 7 September 2006 6:30 PM

Chas ,

McMillan was one of the guys whose names I couldn't recall . Wonderful guy and great P.E. instructor . The intructor who was a big pain in the ass when I was at WHS was Kazarian , if memory serves . Mick - remember him ?

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 16
 Poster: Mick Seretny
 Date: 8 September 2006 12:31 AM

Yes I do. In fact, I saw and talked to Bob Kazarian about 3 months ago at The Big Y Supermarket in Mansfield. Had a few good laughs together, and he looked good. I never had a prob with the guy..Maybe cuz I was co captain of the baseball team senior year?!? heh..

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Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 17
 Poster: Fred Masterton
 Date: 8 September 2006 5:32 AM

John McMillan went to our church (First Church of Christ, Mansfield Cener), as did Jane McKenzie (mentioned in an earlier post). Sad to report that John died a number of years ago. Great guy, glad to see him so fondly remembered.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 18
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 8 September 2006 11:53 AM

In the Fifties, Wayne Dudley was the track, field, cross-country coach. He taught Math and Science. Richard Foster, a prince of a man, taught Phys Ed along with Mr. Palau. Mr. Foster coached the swimming team (9 wins and 2 losses in 53-54 season). I was manager of the team at the time and was the guy who overloaded the pool with chlorine most of the time.

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 19
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 8 September 2006 7:49 PM

Mick ,

I think one of the reasons he (and some other P.E. coaches) busted my bazookas was because I didn't go out for any sports at WHS . I was expected to play both baseball and basketball , not only by the coaches at Windham , but by my Dad as well . This was at a time when music was numero uno in my life , and I dedicated all my free time to it . Coach McMillan asked me to try out for the newly formed WHS soccer team in my sophomore year , but I declined . He never gave me a hard time about it , though .

Posting: Re: Case Gymnasium built in 1948 Posting 20
 Poster: chas barrett
 Date: 12 September 2006 11:26 AM

john, mick: et al:

yes, i recall bob kazarian alright...right back to the days when he was swim coach at the Y in the 1950s, before his whs days. i always remember him as being okay, but thought he died and pleased to hear he did not. maybe he saw you as a great athelete and and did not listen that you were not interested ?...maybe to bring he and the team glory ?

chas